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Appendix Showing Amendments to the Disclosure

The paragraph beginning at page 2, line 25 has been amended as follows:

Referring to the figure, there is shown a rod coupling 10 formed of a tubular housing 12 having a first box end 14 and a second box end 16. Each box end 14, 16 is threaded for receiving a corresponding pin 18, 20 of respective sucker rods 22, 24. Boxes and pins of sucker rods are well known in the art. The tubular housing 12 has an interior surface 26 defining a bore 28 extending along the tubular housing 12 from the first box end 14 to the second box end 16. The tubular housing 12 also has an exterior surface 30. Plural openings 32 extend [extending] transversely through the tubular housing 12 from the interior surface 26 to the exterior surface 30. The openings 32 may be provided in plural rows and are preferably distributed uniformly around the housing 12, for example at 120° spacing. The openings 32 should not be so numerous as to weaken the rod coupling 10 unduly. The rods 22, 24 and tubular housing 12 are made of conventional materials for the intended purpose.

The paragraph beginning at page 3, line 13 has been amended as follows:

The openings 32 [34] may taper from the exterior surface 30 towards the interior surface 26 for example in a stepped pattern, in which the diameter of the openings 32 [34] is significantly reduced adjacent the interior surface 26. This helps prevent coating material from extruding into the bore 28 of the tubular housing 12 if that is desired.